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ASILOMAR
STRIKES HIGH NOTE

By Arthur "Mac" Arlett

Bearing out the old contention that "the more you give people to do, the better they do it," Northern California Congregational young people literally took command of their annual conference at Asilomar this summer and staged what many declared was the finest meeting in the conference's 12-year history.

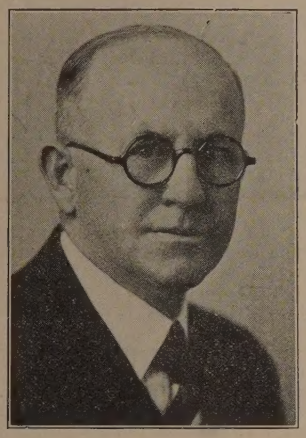
From July 25 to August 1, 191 full-time student delegates met to consider "The Abundant Life" under the guidance of an exceptional faculty. During the course of the week, attendance hit its high mark of 263, representing 32 churches in all parts of the northern half of the State. This represented an increase of five churches over the number sending delegates last year, giving rise to the conviction that the value of the Conference is increasing steadily and its influence spreading.

Fine student leadership was given the gathering by President Prescott Thompson of Berkeley, under whose direction numerous committees did the major work of planning and administering the seven-day meeting. The presidency for the next year was voted to Viola Mann of Benicia, whose strenuous endeavors and vivacious personality made her one of the dominant figures in the conference. Morris Cleland of Alameda was chosen vice-president, Elizabeth Howden of Oakland, secretary, and E. T. Sherman, pastoral counselor.

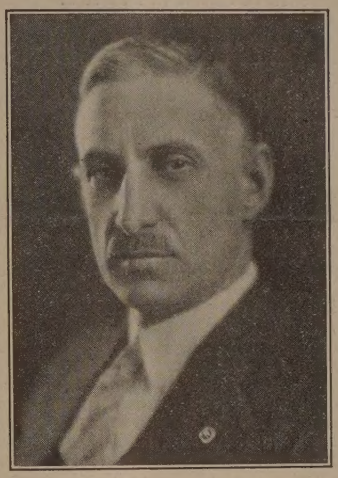
From Dr. T. T. Giffen of Plymouth Church, Oakland, who served as director on the grounds, and from Fred R. Morrow, director of student work in Berkeley, who served as Dean of College Men during the conference, and as advisor to the planning committees during months of preparation, and from Mr. and Mrs. John Gregg of Porterville and Mrs. Dorothy Nelson Bennett of Oakland who served as Deans, respectively, of High School Men, College Women and High School Women, the young people received wise counsel and much friendly aid.

As delegates scan their week's activities in retrospect, two features stand out: first, a faculty of rare excellence; and second, a spirit of harmony among delegates of all ages and groups. Socially, intellectually and spiritually, the conference was on a high plane. Faculty highlights were as follows:

The skillful and sympathetic interpretation of modern literature by Godfrey Matthews, and the diversity of material which the Hayward pastor presented; Rabbi Rudolph Coffee's vivid re-creation of ancient prophets in modern terms, done joyously and earnestly; Hugh Moran's quiet way of leading his class to a better appreciation of "The Abundant Life"; the unusual ability of Dwayne Orton to lead a discussion of personal philosophies into profitable channels; Victor Morgan leading the way to a virile and more useful Christian citizenship; Jack Blake's good-humored and illuminative treatment of work in foreign fields, especially Turkey; the benefit of Ralph Waddell's wisdom and experience in helping leaders to foster better group thinking; the all-too-brief visits of Dr. Tully C. Knoles, Dr. Vaclav H. Podstata and Mr. Ray Phillips to the speakers' platform, deepening and strengthening the conference with their personalities and carefully chosen messages; and last, but not least, the simplicity and sincerity of Dr. Harley H. Gill's services in the restful calm of Asilomar's chapel.



REV. EDWIN T. SHERMAN
Field Secretary, Northern California Congregational Conference



DONALD A. ADAMS
Chairman, Laymen's Advisory Committee

Laymen to Meet in Six Cities

Northern California Congregational laymen are soon to have the rare privilege of conferring with Mr. Donald Adams of New Haven, Conn., the chairman of the Laymen's Advisory Committee. Mr. Adams is an attorney and an insurance man, and served one term as international president of the Rotary Clubs. For the past several years he has been devoting half of his time to holding conferences with Congregational laymen in order that a clearer understanding of the whole program of the church and a more serious acceptance of its responsibilities may be had by the leading laymen of the individual churches. Reports from other states indicate that business and professional men have found his conferences stimulating and helpful.

Associated with Mr. Adams will be a team of local leaders. Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, Field Secretary of the Conference, will outline the duties of church deacons. Superintendent Harley H. Gill will present the world-wide task of the church. An earnest effort is being made to secure the strongest possible layman from one of our California churches, who knows first-hand the problems of church organization, to present the work of trustees and treasurers.

The plan contemplates a conference for laymen in each of six centers. Each conference will begin at 3:30 in the afternoon. At 6:30 dinner will be served, following which Mr. Adams will speak and give ample time for questions and discussion. The meeting will close about 9:00 o'clock. The schedule of places to be visited is as follows:

Thursday, October 1, Sacramento.
Friday, October 2, Santa Rosa.
Monday, October 5, Fresno.
Tuesday, October 6, Oakland.
Wednesday, October 7, Pittsburg.
Thursday, October 8, Palo Alto.

In addition, Mr. Adams will speak at a number of Rotary Clubs.

It is planned that all churches within reach of each center will cooperate to the fullest by sending representative laymen for that one afternoon and evening. Laymen take time off and travel long distances for organizations and conventions of less importance. From the experience in other states, we are assured that our northern California churches will be greatly strengthened if our men will set aside these few hours for their church.

It is not a scheme to raise more money. The purpose is to help us, individually and collectively, to do a better job in the churches which we all love.

N. CAL. REPRESENTED

Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship was represented by two young people at the Conference at Lakeside during the latter part of June. This conference was made up of representatives from young people's religious organizations in many denominations. About 900 were in attendance. The Congregational young people numbered about 125. They formed the first national organization of the Pilgrim Fellowship. Miss Reva Galvin and Louis P. Neumann represented Northern California.

Y. P. MEET IN MODOC

Young people of Modoc County to the number of 20 had a week's camp and conference on Hat Creek. Rev. A. W. Monosmith of Adin served as camp director and teacher of nature study. Mrs. Monosmith was matron. Robert Cleland who was doing extension work in Modoc County this summer taught "The Bible" and Rev. Robert Lundy of the Alturas Baptist Church led a course on "The Life of Christ."

Superintendent Harley H. Gill and family deeply appreciate the memorial service conducted by Rev. T. T. Giffen, the many beautiful floral offerings, and the flood tide of messages of comfort, following the death of their beloved wife and mother, Pearl C. Gill.

E. T. SHERMAN
ACCEPTS NEW POST

California Faces Forward! Under this caption the May Pacific announced the decision of the Conference Board of Directors to add to our staff a field secretary who will devote his time to two major interests: first, to assist a number of churches each year to face and assume more adequately their financial obligations both for their own program and their worldwide task, and, second, to give practical assistance to churches in their religious education and young people's work problems.

We have found the man! The enthusiastic choice of the Board of Directors has fallen upon one of our own men, Rev. Edwin T. Sherman of Lodi.

In training and experience Mr. Sherman is well equipped for this double task. In early life he served as Y. M. C. A. secretary, and later was with the Y. M. C. A. in war work. For two years he served as director of religious education of Central Union Church, Honolulu.

Since returning to the mainland he has been pastor at Broadmoor and Lodi. For two years he was director of the Asilomar Young People's Conference Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work.

Mr. Sherman's responsibilities will be in field work. He will reside at 2663 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley, but mail for him should be addressed to the Conference office. He began work September first and his entire time until October 8th will be devoted to setting up and carrying through the Donald Adams meetings for laymen.

Church Council Leader

At a specially called meeting held on May 1, the California Church Council, Northern Area, chose the Rev. Paul H. Buchholz, D.D., as Executive Secretary of the Council, Northern Area. He assumed his new duties June 1.

Dr. Buchholz is a happy choice for the position. His previous experience has fitted him particularly well for the large responsibility which he undertakes. After finishing his college and seminary work he served seven years as assistant director of the Spanish-speaking work of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. He then spent a year in graduate study in Columbia University, receiving his M. A. degree from that institution in June, 1928. He was then called to the presidency of the institution from which he had received his bachelor's degree, the University of Dubuque. He served seven strenuous years in this position and under his guidance the institution made substantial progress. He resigned his position as president to enter the University of California for advanced study. Here he has spent the last academic year. He is a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Education in the department of education. His thesis will deal with the problem of the place of Religion in our public educational institutions.

Dr. Buchholz has received several flattering offers for administrative work in his own church. But the opportunity presented in the work of the California Church Council appealed to him strongly and he, after careful con-

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LOKOYA CAMP

Sixty-nine delegates from women's and young people's societies of eleven churches of the Upper Bay and Redwood Empire districts met for a five day conference at Lokoya Boys' Camp in Napa County. Included with the young people's conference was a conference of the women of the Northern California Congregational Women's Federation.

The general theme of the conference was "Finer Lives Through Christ." Guest speakers included Viola Mann, president of the Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship, four negro guests from International House, Berkeley, and Rev. T. T. Giffen of Plymouth Congregational Church, Oakland.

The faculty consisted of Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, Petaluma; Rev. Charles L. Atkins, Topeka, Kansas; Rev. Harold S. Davidson, Cloverdale; Rev. C. C. Champlin, Cotati; Rev. George E. Atkinson, Sebastopol; Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, Pittsburg; and Rev. Frank E. Boren, Kenwood.

The Lokoya Conference was directed by Rev. Westwood Wallace of Martinez. At the closing session the following officers were elected: Lois Waddell, Petaluma, president; Stanley Benedict, Pittsburg, regional vice-president of Upper Bay Association; Dorothy Horne, Santa Rosa, regional vice-president of the Redwood Empire Association; Martha Focht, Cotati, secretary; and Robert Dings, Pittsburg, treasurer.

Alfred Focht, Cotati, and Calvin Dulaney, Benicia, former president and vice-president, respectively, were appointed delegates from the conference to Asilomar in 1937.

The Lokoya conference was organized two years ago by the ministers and officers of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Redwood Empire. This second conference was conducted very successfully and plans for next year's conference include a full six-day schedule, with the camp running at capacity of one hundred and twenty-five young people and adults.

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sideration, accepted the call to this service. He has already met with a representative group of leaders of our northern California church life, and has commended himself to all for his clear and statesmanlike view of the work of the Council.

Dr. Harold V. Mather is already serving as executive secretary of the Council for the southern area headquarters at Los Angeles. Dr. Mather was the efficient secretary of the southern California Council of Religious Education for several years before he began his present responsibility. Dr. Buchholz and Dr. Mather are both highly trained and well-proved men. Each of them has fine gifts for his present task. Under their combined leadership the California Church Council has high promise for the future.

PREACHING MISSION ENLISTS SUPPORT

Much interest in church circles is being aroused by the forthcoming Preaching Mission movement, which is headed up by the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Oakland and San Francisco have been selected as one of the twenty-five metropolitan areas which will be visited by a national team of speakers. The dates for this area are November 8 - 11, inclusive. Among those who are to visit this area are Dr. E. Stanley Jones of India; Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, Dr. Paul E. Scherer; and our own Dr. Douglas Horton, minister of the United Church at Hyde Park, Chicago. There will be mass meetings each night on both sides of the Bay, and seminars for ministers each day in Oakland.

During the period, November 16 - 19, two-day preaching missions will be held in sixteen centers in Northern California. Teams of speakers for these meetings are being selected. The chief purpose is to enlist all pastors of the state in an eight-day preaching mission in their own churches for the week beginning November 29. It is to be hoped that churches of all denominations will simultaneously launch this great crusade.

The Conference Committee on Evangelism, under the leadership of the chairman, Rev. J. H. McCartney, is laying plans for Congregational participation in the effort.

Pastors are asked to set aside Sunday, September 20, 1936, as **Preaching Mission Sunday** and to tell their congregations about the movement. Prayer groups for intercession are particularly desired. The Preaching Mission will be just as great a revival as we will let it be. It will take the enthusiastic support of every Christian dedicated to prayer and service to make us realize its potentialities.

FROM THE WILBURS

Many inquiries come to the Conference office as to whether or not Dr. Leonard Wilbur and his family are in danger. We quote from two recent letters:

April 12—"We are terribly sorry that the situation here is causing you any anxiety. The possibility of such occurrences was quite clear to us when we came, and we were and are ready to accept whatever comes along in the course of our work. As a matter of fact, however, we are in no real danger. The authorities have been most kind and considerate—we wish they would be as much so for their own people. There is a place within the city which has been offered to the hospital as a refuge in time of need, but so far we have not felt like making that move, as it does not seem necessary, and of cource would make the medical work extremely difficult. We are very grateful for the interest folks have taken in us, but they need not be anxious about us."

April 19—"We still don't know what the situation is. In one day last week reports were issued, one stating that there were only a few hundred communists in all of Shansi, and the other that five thousand had been seen about fifty miles from here. As to what they are doing, that is impossible to know. However, we have some evidence that is too direct to be doubtful, that they are behaving in a much less blood-thirsty manner than has been reported. In the meantime, we are living as usual. Soldiers come and go, but we have seen only an occasional wounded one. The city gates are still closely guarded, and it is necessary to have documentary evidence of your virtue (lack of communism) to get in or out."

Conference Plans

The Program Committee of the State Conference is rapidly whipping into shape plans for the great meeting to be held in San Jose October 27 to 29. Among the speakers who have accepted invitations are: William F. Frazier, newly-elected executive vice-president of the Home Boards; D. Elton Trueblood, who has just become chaplain of Stanford University; James Muilenburg, successor to William Frederick Bade as professor of Old Testament at Pacific School of Religion; Cass Arthur Reed, minister of Pilgrim Church, Pomona, formerly missionary in the Near East; Dillon W. Throckmorton, minister of Grace United Church, San Francisco, who has been with the Sherwood Eddy party in Europe this summer; Gail Cleland of Alameda, just returning from a trip around the world; and Edward D. Gaylord, superintendent of Southern California Conference.

There will be a number of discussion groups, complete announcements of which will be made later. Rev. H. J. Loken will be chaplain, Rev. Noel J. Breed will conduct the memorial service, and Rev. John H. Gregg will be the preacher.

Rev. Benjamin Gould and his committees are busy making arrangements for the women's luncheon, which will be held Wednesday noon, and the conference dinner on Thursday evening.

WORTHWHILE WORK

New Mexico and the Southwest offer unsurpassed sunshine cure for tuberculosis. Tuberculosis Health Communities on the hot desert provide three-room bungalows, with a nurse for every few houses. The cure does not come quickly, but the cost of lying in the sunshine with good food is low, yet many who have gone for the cure run out of money and turn to the local minister for help.

Our Extension Boards make a small appropriation to help Congregational patients by a monthly grant of $20. Such help saved the life of a young man from Montana who had been a state leader of young people, and he is again at his work.

Two Cent-a-Meal boxes in a year provide a month's care for such a patient.

Several girls at our Dorchester Academy in Georgia faced the necessity of quitting school because their parents could not pay the monthly board of $12; yet they could send from home table provisions. Principal Jenkins fitted an unused room with a second-hand stove, students made lockers and a table, and four girls are doing their cooking there with supplies sent from home. It cost $20 to fit up this kitchen. A second has been made and two groups of students are learning to cook under the supervision of the matron. More kitchens are needed. Two Cent-a-Meal boxes will in a year provide one and keep four girls in school.

A group of Philadelphia women organized as an Emergency Food Brigade to get milk for children undernourished because of the depression. Through Cent-a-Meal boxes they collected enough to provide 22,712 quarts of milk.

Pennies mount up when given regularly through many boxes.

A minister writes: "We have used the Cent-a-Meal boxes for two years. Without them our payments on the apportionment would have been extremely small during these hard years. I expect to get more boxes."

One of our medical missionaries in Africa, with his wife who is a nurse, and African assistants trained by them, give at their little hospital 40,000 treatments a year to folk who have never before had touch with scientific medicine. A Cent-a-Meal box will in a year meet the cost of 327 treatments. Where else will a small investment bring such returns?

Better and Better

Right through the summer months our churches have shown continued improvement in their benevolence remittances. On June 1 the figures showed an increase of $800 for five months over the corresponding period a year ago, and now on September 5 they show an improvement of more than $1,500. This is the first year in a long time that we have been able to have such encouraging news, and it gives promise of better days and more effective service for Christ and the Church. The Conference and the Boards are grateful to pastors and treasurers who have co-operated with the promptness of remittances, and to the people for keeping up their contributions.

	June 1 to Aug.31,'36	Jan. 11 to Aug.31,'36	Jan. 11 to Aug31,'35
Adin	$ 18.75	$ 37.04	$ 75.00
Alameda	35.48	193.12	105.81
Alturas	....	23.78	18.93
Angels Camp	25.00	50.00	37.06
Antioch	8.00	21.80	27.86
Auburn	....	25.00	25.00
Benicia	....	20.00	13.00
Berkeley:			
First	1,166.66	4,158.93	3,952.51
North	175.00	375.00	450.00
Park	17.59	36.06	37.40
Campbell	54.00	104.00	118.50
Ceres	....	113.41	....
Cloverdale	13.30	45.10	66.18
Cotati	4.00	30.18	39.86
Crockett	11.65	40.40	40.53
Etna	12.00	12.00	....
Eureka	63.83	179.86	180.00
Fairfax	....	....	15.00
Ferndale	138.83	191.09	79.16
Fresno, First	44.50	319.28	285.30
Pilgrim	50.00	50.00	55.57
Glen Ellen	....	2.27	....
Grass Valley	....	....	10.00
Hayfork	2.00	5.00	....
Hayward	45.00	85.00	50.00
Kenwood	11.26	23.56	37.67
Likely	....	5.00	5.00
Lockeford	....	2.50	7.00
Lodi, First	60.00	310.00	350.00
Loomis	....	11.90	29.95
Martinez	71.41	141.33	138.86
Murphy	....	40.00	40.00
Niles	....	10.00	22.20
Oakland—			
First	845.00	3,158.70	1,918.28
Fruitvale	....	5.00	....
Japanese	....	5.00	....
Pilgrim	....	....	3.50
Plymouth	220.00	425.00	405.00
Oroville	....	80.00	105.00
Pacific Grove	99.82	254.93	264.45
Palo Alto	300.00	550.00	250.00
Paradise	46.00	92.00	134.00
Penn Grove	3.00	3.00	....
Petaluma	258.56	423.81	347.06
Pittsburg	20.97	64.03	31.84
Port Chicago	....	2.65	2.35
Porterville	50.00	75.00	17.00
Redwood City	60.00	235.00	175.00
Reedley, Finnish	25.00	25.00	25.00
Ripon	15.00	31.09	42.50
Sacramento	74.40	287.26	137.70
Salida	....	....	18.80
San Carlos	10.00	10.00	15.00
San Francisco—			
Bth., Mis Pk	118.48	210.94	254.90
First	349.36	903.76	920.70
Ocean View	13.18	20.01	13.42
Richmond	....	22.11	4.00
San Jose	127.00	300.00	446.80
San Leandro—			
Broadmoor	15.19	41.69	67.73
San Rafael	....	20.00	15.06
Santa Cruz	150.00	310.00	380.00
Santa Rosa	46.39	121.66	164.04
Saratoga	125.00	231.73	160.00
Sebastopol	53.98	139.91	156.29
Sonoma	23.69	48.84	50.23
Soquel	14.00	29.00	37.00
Stockton	124.82	308.15	369.19
Suisun	....	45.00	45.00
Sunnyvale	14.92	14.92	5.70
Tulare	....	95.00	65.00
Weaverville	35.59	70.99	46.00
Woodside	8.86	8.86	....
Reno, Nev.	89.08	230.13	217.61
Miscellaneous	50.97	701.25	299.29
*Special Deficit Fund	....	....	825.05
	$5,416.52	$16,264.03	$14,748.84

*The contributions to the Special Deficit Fund in 1936 are included with gifts from churches or in the miscellaneous item.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

EUREKA. The Eureka Congregational Church is on the air every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at six o'clock over KIEM, with an organ broadcast by Halsey Carstens, church organist. A letter was recently received from the chief engineer of a passenger vessel, who always listens to the program with especial interest because he pumped the organ of the Eureka Church thirty-five years ago.

Plymouth Park on the Redwood Highway, under the direction of Mr. Hudson, has been used by 130 people during the summer. Two or three camps for children were held, also a retreat for C. E. County officers. Improvements and additions to the plant are contemplated which will make the camp suitable for conferences for adults and young people.

BENICIA. This church has had the happy privilege of renewing acquaintanceship with Rev. Charles L. Atkins during the months of July and August. Mr. Atkins, who is pastor of the First Congregational Church of Topeka, Kansas, and on the faculty of Washburn College, was pastor at Benicia while he was a student at the Pacific School of Religion. Mr. Wilfred I. Orr, former director at Arlington Avenue Fellowship House, has been chosen by the church as pastor, and begins his work September 1.

ALAMEDA. A great welcoming dinner to the pastor, Rev. Gail Cleland, will be tendered on Friday, September 11, by the church. Dr. Cleland has circumnavigated the globe, visiting Japan, China, Manchukuo, Russia, Germany and England. While in Japan he was entertained by former students, who are now men of large affairs. After reaching Boston he supplied the First Congregational Church of Newton Center, Mass., and on September 6, the First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

TRINITY COUNTY. Four young people and pastor, Rev. James Salmon, were in attendance at the Asilomar Young People's Conference. In the group were the president and secretary of the local society. The parsonage at Weaverville has been rebuilt and decorated following a fire, modern kitchen has been installed by the Ladies' Society, and a new stove purchased.

SOQUEL. Church building has been painted on the outside. Repairs during the past three years total well over a thousand dollars, all paid for. Most of the contributions came voluntarily and without any general canvass. Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted for two weeks, with an attendance of 50 children. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

BIG VALLEY. During his vacation month, Rev. A. W. Monosmith, pastor, conducted the young people's camp and also directed a Girl Scouts' Camp. A week was spent in canvassing in the community for a project of rural electrification. At the end of August he went back to his regular work to rest from his vacation.

BERKELEY, PARK. A letter has been received by Rev. Tom Watt from Tarkawa, West Africa, from a native who chanced to see a copy of "Ballads of Galilee." He asked for the privilege of joining Park Church by correspondence, that "you will teach me how to serve my Creator."

SANTA ROSA. Rev. Wilfred Withington of Seattle has been unanimously and enthusiastically chosen as pastor, and began his work September 1, Mr. Withington has had a notable record in the Green Lake Congregational Church of Seattle, where during a period of years he has completely recreated the church organization and made it a center for social and religious life of young people. Prior to that time he was pastor at Wallace, Idaho, where he carried on an active social service work in connection with the church. He is a graduate of Pacific School of Religion, and is a leader not only in his own church but in the affairs of our fellowship. Mrs. Withington is a member of the famous Dwinnel family of pioneer Congregationalism in California.

BERKELEY, NORTH. After several month without a leader, Dr. Pierson Parker was unanimously selected as pastor and began work August 1. Dr. Parker has served as associate at San Jose and Oakland Plymouth. For the past two years he has been on the faculty of the Pacific School of Religion, teaching courses in New and Old Testament, and serving as registrar. He brings to this important church youth, vigor, scholarship, and outstanding preaching ability. A council is being called by North Church to meet on September 23 for examination and ordination.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. Glenn H. Corbin did a fine piece of extension work in a vacation school at Sheep Ranch. Of the fifteen schools which Mr. Corbin has conducted he regards this one as the most satisfactory in interest, enthusiasm, and accomplishment. He hopes to be able to hold a religious school for the children once in two weeks. Vacation schools were also conducted at Angels Camp and Murphys. Mr. and Mrs. Corbin are happy over the arrival of a baby daughter during the early part of August.

SAN CARLOS. In spite of the inactivity of a number of organizations during the summer, and in spite of an illness, the pastor, Mr. Alden A. Read, has been pushing the program of the church and preparing for a very active and effective year of service. Mr. Read soon appears before the Conference Committee on Ministerial Standing, looking toward ordination at an early date.

OROVILLE. A friendship night on each Wednesday is being launched. There will be study and discussion. The first five nights will be devoted to Africa and others will present timely topics. A series of Sunday evening sermons by the pastor Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer on the "Minor Prophets and Their Message for Today" will begin on September 13.

TULARE. This is a belated account of a Mother's Day gift made to the church by Mr. George Lindner in memory of his mother. It is in the form of a complete painting job for the church building, and has been gratefully accepted. Rev. Arthur L. Rice, the minister, has been serving as forest ranger in Yosemite Valley during the summer.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. This church has been ably cared for since spring by Rev. M. J. Minkler, who is regularly on the staff of the San Francisco School Department, and a ministerial member of the Bay Association.

BERKELEY ARLINGTON AVENUE. Mr. Wilfred I. Orr who has been in charge for the past year has accepted a call to Benicia and Mr. and Mrs. Roland C. M. Fiske have been selected for leadership of the activities and are already at work. Mr. and Mrs. Fiske are graduates of Pomona College and have been active in the affairs of the Claremont Church. Mr. Fiske for a number of years has been engaged in business but has decided to study for the ministry and has enrolled at the Pacific School of Religion. Forty-five workers from the Sunday school and the various groups were entertained by Mrs. Herman F. Swartz in her garden on August 28 in order to develop an esprit de corps and to lay plans for the coming year.

REDWOOD CITY. Church was closed during July. Early in August, Rev. R. J. Currie, former pastor, and now at the First Church of Kansas City, preached to a large audience of his old-time friends. On August 16 the new pastor, Rev. Charles E. Ward, occupied his pulpit for the first time. A new constitution, prepared by a special committee under the leadership of Moderator Peirce Coombes, has been presented to the church for its consideration. Dr. Ward opens his pastorate under very favorable conditions, with the united and enthusiastic support of his people.

SALIDA. This church was supplied during the summer by Mr. C. V. Carlson, student at the Pacific School of Religion. During this brief period Mr. Carlson reorganized the young people's work and established a boys' club. His work was highly satisfactory and the church has extended him a call, beginning September 20. Mr. Carlson will spend at least one day a week on the field in addition to Sundays, thus carrying on some parish and organizational work in addition to services of worship.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, was on the program for the dedication of the Alameda County Court House, having offered the prayer. On the Sunday evenings during September a forum is being held, in which the candidacies of Mr. Landon, Mr. Roosevelt, and Mr. Thomas will be discussed. During October at the Sunday evening forum Mr. Orr will lead in the study of four Shakespearean plays.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, has been vacationing in the east. During this time he has supplied the Old South Church of Boston and the Marble Collegiate Church of New York. The pulpit at First Church has been cared for by Rev. T. Torrance Phelps of Pasadena and Rev. E. A. Thompson of Grand Rapids, Mich. Dr. Pierce will be in his pulpit on Sunday, September 13.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. An arrangement has been made whereby services of worship are being held in the Sunday school assembly room of the Park Presidio Community Church. Rev. A. A. Goergizian of Fresno was pulpit supply for three Sundays.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, the pastor, is just returning from a summer's trip with the Sherwood Eddy party in Europe.

MARTINEZ. Rev. and Mrs. Westwood Wallace have already made their influence strongly felt in the community. They have been the guests of honor at picnic and other church gatherings, and on June 21, church members and their families and friends enjoyed the first Fellowship Dinner since the arrival of the new pastor. A Sunday school picnic was held at Curry Creek Park in July for all branches of the Sunday school department. Nine intermediate and junior Christian Endeavor Society members spent a week at Mt. Hermon, participating in the activities of the conference. Martinez will play host to all Contra Costa County Christian Endeavor groups at the annual county convention September 25 to 27.

ANTIOCH. This church is very happy in the coming of Rev. and Mrs. William R. Steininger to pastoral leadership. During the past year Mr. Steininger has been studying at Pacific School of Religion, and supplying the Ocean View Church of San Francisco and North Church, Berkeley. Prior to that time he was for several years Congregational student pastor at the University of Washington, Seattle. The city of Antioch is showing substantial growth in population, and the church, under the vigorous leadership of Mr. Steininger, gives promise of rapid growth in numbers and influence.

GUERNEVILLE, Rev. Ray S. Miller, who has been pastor since May, 1935, has closed his work and returns to a teaching position in Idaho. A splendid vacation church school, with 33 enrolled, was held during the summer. During the greater part of his pastorate, Mr. Miller also served the Presbyterian Church in Monte Rio. Beginning with September, the Guerneville field will be cared for by a Presbyterian student who has been called to Monte Rio.

BIOLA. Rev. Benjamin H. Kissler has resigned to accept the pastorate of the German Church at Fort Morgan, Colo., and is moving September 1. The church has called Rev. Paul Kalmbach of Hastings, Neb.

A SENSIBLE MEASURE

"A perfectly sensible measure will be on the ballot which is neither wet nor dry but merely provides for local self-government. Under it control is returned to the cities and counties including the right to 'regulate,' to 'zone,' or to 'prohibit,' thus a locality can be either wet, moist or dry as its own choice. In submitting this measure the Local Optionists had an unexpected attack of good sense." (Chester Rowell in San Francisco Chronicle).

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. W. C. Blasdale

The September meeting of the Executive Board will be held at First Church, Oakland, Thursday, September 17.

August Meeting

The Executive Board of the Federation met, after a vacation of three months, on August 20, at First Church, Oakland, with Mrs. A. V. Dunn, the president, presiding. The meeting was devoted to short reports of the summer meetings at Asilomar and South Hadley, and to an exposition of the plans for the educational work of our own societies for the next few months. Mrs. E. G. Brinkmeyer and Mrs. C. L. Mears had much to tell of the General Council meetings, and Mrs. Godfrey Matthews, who took the place of Miss Lucile Shackelford in representing us at the Young People's Conference at Asilomar, gave a graphic account of the week there, with over two hundred eager young people, all seeking the more abundant life and realizing as never before the need of Christian living.

Rev. Norman B. Henderson talked informally on the problems of the young people. They are thinking keenly on economic and religious problems and finding it difficult to reconcile capitalism, as such, with justice and true Christianity. They are looking at the church and at the state questioningly.

Mrs. William T. Sadler of First Church, Berkeley, was elected foreign secretary, replacing Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, who is having a six-months' trip through the British Isles, Scandinavia, and the Mediterranean. Miss Helen Perkins, the Literature Secretary, has not yet returned from a sojourn in Mexico. Mrs. F. J. Greene was elected Prayer Guild Secretary. Mrs. Robert D'Erlach, chairman of the Speakers' Bureau, is ready to supply speakers on many subjects.

CALL FROM CHINA

Are there any young women or young men, college graduates, who would like to go to China for volunteer service, for two or more years? An earnest request has come from the North China Mission, through the Educational Section of its Council, asking for eight or ten such workers. Travel and all living expenses would have to be provided by the worker, amounting to about $700 per year. The greatest needs are in the boarding schools, to teach English, music, physical education, and to do stenographic work. Knowledge of the Chinese language is unnecessary. Earnest Christians, who think the Christian life and spirit are worth sharing, are the sort wanted. Anyone interested should write to Rev. Wynn C. Fairfield of the American Board, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

LOKOYA RETREAT

Mrs. G. E. Atkinson, president of the Redwood Empire Association, arranged a retreat for the women of her district in conjunction with a young people's conference at Lokoya, on August 9-14. The mornings were occupied with devotions, a series of talks by Mrs. Frank J. Greene on "Our Congregational History," and a similar series by Mrs. A. V. Dunn on "Programs and Study Books." The afternoons were largely given to fellowship, although informal talks were given by Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, Rev. T. T. Giffen, and Rev. G. E. Atkinson. It was an enriching experience for all in attendance, and requests that another be held next year speak of its success.

In Memoriam

The death of Mrs. Harley H. Gill, who for several years has been the Prayer Guild Secretary, has brought deep sorrow to her many friends. An impressive memorial service, conducted by Mrs. T. E. Borden, was held at the close of the meeting. We have asked permission to place here two of Mrs. Gill's prayers, which Mrs. Borden read at that time:

"Our Father, we bow before Thee in humility and in shame when we remember how great is Thy love for us and then consider the interests that have been placed ever before Thee in our lives. Thou hast given us thoughts that can range through eternity; save us from spending all our days lavishing them in trivial things. Help us to re-estimate the values of life and to take our stand beside those brave men and women who have invested their all in Thy service. Consecrate us anew to Thy service, Lord, by the power of Grace Divine. Amen." (Written after the Oberlin Council meeting.)

"Our Father, we glorify Thee who art Love! We give thanks for Thy holy word and for the privilege of communion with Thee. Keep us from rash judgments of others. Help us to deal generously with the infirmities of our associates. If there be any who have wronged us, forgive them, we pray. Graciously pardon our transgressions and help us to meet each day with cheerful courage, confident faith, and a spirit of consecration more like that of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen." (Written for the devotional service of the Federation for March 6, 1936.)

Mission Study Aids

Miss Helen Perkins has done a very fine piece of work in preparing a **Study Outline on Africa** for use by those groups that will make a special study of The Negro in Africa, the Mission Study work of the M. E. M. She outlines four programs, using not only the regular study books, but much library and magazine material. This outline has been mimeographed and will be available at the September meeting. The study books especially recommended are: "Out of Africa" by Ross, the adult book; 'Consider Africa" by Basil Mathews, the book for young people but equally fine for all; "Congo Crosses" by Kellersberger, the woman's book; and "The Land and Life of Africa" by Wrong, thoroughly fine and helpful. These all may be purchased at the conference office.

Campaign Organization

Announcement comes from the United Dry Forces Headquarters, 83 McAllister Street, San Francisco, that the County Central Committees are being set up in every county in Northern California. These County Central Committees are being set up in every county in Northern California. These County Central Committees will be charged with the following tasks: 1. Organization of local committees in every town and city within the county; 2. A schedule of meetings to be held in every school district, using local speakers; 3. A house-to-house visitation between October 15 and election day, urging the voters to vote for Local Option, which will be No. 9 on the ballot.

Program Suggestions For Women's Groups

In response to requests from many women's groups, a committee of the Federation, consisting of Mrs. Elmer W. Benedict, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, and Mrs. H. J. Loken, has prepared a set of programs for each of the nine months of the Association year. The general theme is **"Our Heritage and the World Today."** As outlined, each program consists in the main of three parts, namely, (1) a short devotional service, arranged for this purpose during the past summer, by Mrs. Harley Gill; (2) an elaboration of some phase of **Our Heritage,** which would occupy the major part of the time of the whole program; and (3) "From the Magazine Rack," short reviews of topics found in church magazines and papers, timely matters of other denominations as well as our own. Just a hint as to some of the topics under (2): Bright Lights of our Congregational Heritage, written by Mrs. C. A. Kofoid; Christmas—Our Joyful Heritage; The Negro in America—Our Heritage from Africa. Reference as to sources of material, plays, musical helps, are all included.

These programs are planned so that each may be used as a whole, or two or more may be combined, or, since they make use of only a small part of the material that is available in our private and public libraries on the subjects, they may be elaborated to almost any degree. They are designed to appeal to all women. The committee desires that all groups shall prepare their programs for the whole year instead of for one month at a time. If this is done it will be found that more persons will take an active part in the work and that the theme, in all probability, will be carried out more successfully. These "Program Suggestions" may be obtained from the conference office for fifteen cents each.

The October meeting will be held in connection with the State Conference at San Jose.

According to State officials the Local Option petition of the United Dry Forces qualified for a place on the ballot with the largest number of signatures ever secured in California on a volunteer basis.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1—Laymen's Conference, Sacramento.
October 2—Laymen's Conference, Santa Rosa.
October 5—Laymen's Conference, Fresno.
October 6—Laymen's Conference, Oakland.
October 7—Laymen's Conference, Pittsburg.
October 8—Laymen's Conference, Palo Alto.
October 27-29—State Conference, San Jose.
November 8-11 — National Preaching Mission, San Francisco and East Bay.
November 16-19—Two-Day Preaching Mission in sixteen cities of Northern California.
November 29-December 6—Eight-day Preaching Mission in local churches.

ROBERT G. HARBUTT

Rev. Robert G. Harbutt passed on to the better life June 29, 1936, at Canandaigua, N. Y. He was born May 10, 1854, to Rev. William and Mary Harbutt, missionaries of the London Missionary Society. He was educated in England and served his first parish at Ripon, Yorkshire. After coming to the United States in 1886 he held three pastorates in Maine. From 1913 to 1920 he was in California, during which time he was pastor at Niles and Kenwood. His active ministry closed with three brief periods of service in Washington and Oregon. He was a man of mental vigor and spiritual buoyancy. Readers of The Pacific will remember his poem, "An Octogenarian's Prayer," which appeared in the April issue. He is survived by his wife, Erna Meyer Harbutt, formerly of Santa Rosa.

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